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FRIENDLY GIANTS OF NEW GUINEA

Report from the first white man in valley discovered from the air

Back in Port Moresby after a trek through wildest New Guinea, Mr. J. O. Zehnder, a geologist from the Australasian Petroleum Company, has told a fascinating story of the lost tribe which was originally discovered from the air a few months ago, as reported in the C.N.

LAVINA is the native name for the lost garden valley which is inhabited by this race of giants nearly seven feet tall, who are friendly but shy.

Mr. Zehnder was the first white man to travel the 55 miles through the Strickland Gorge which leads to Lavina. He started the survey three months ago to investigate the possibilities of finding oil in the district and knew nothing of the publicity the valley was receiving after its discovery from the air about the same time.

Before he actually set foot in this lost settlement Mr. Zehnder was kept waiting on its outskirts until an old man had received permission from his gods for him

to visit "the great home of all earthquakes"!

"I found an old man," said Mr. Zehnder, "on a track near a native settlement and asked him for guides over the range. The man demurred. He would have to wait and consult the gods at night. During that night a severe earth tremor shook the whole area and in the morning the old man came to my camp beaming. Too old himself to guide us, he offered his son to take me and my small party across the range."

EIGHT-HOUR CLIMB

Mr. Zehnder then described his eight-hour climb through a 300-foot mountain pass with thick clouds reducing visibility to a few hundred yards and then, suddenly spread before him, was the valley. It stretched about 2000 feet below him and was 12 miles wide by 16 miles long.

The party stumbled down heavily timbered slopes to the grassy valley floor. Later a large group of natives approached.

They were armed with bows six feet long, but they seemed friendly. When interpreters called the local word for "friend" they came closer, bowed, and looked very curious. They felt the strange visitors' clothes and prodded their legs, for they were seeing white men for the first time.

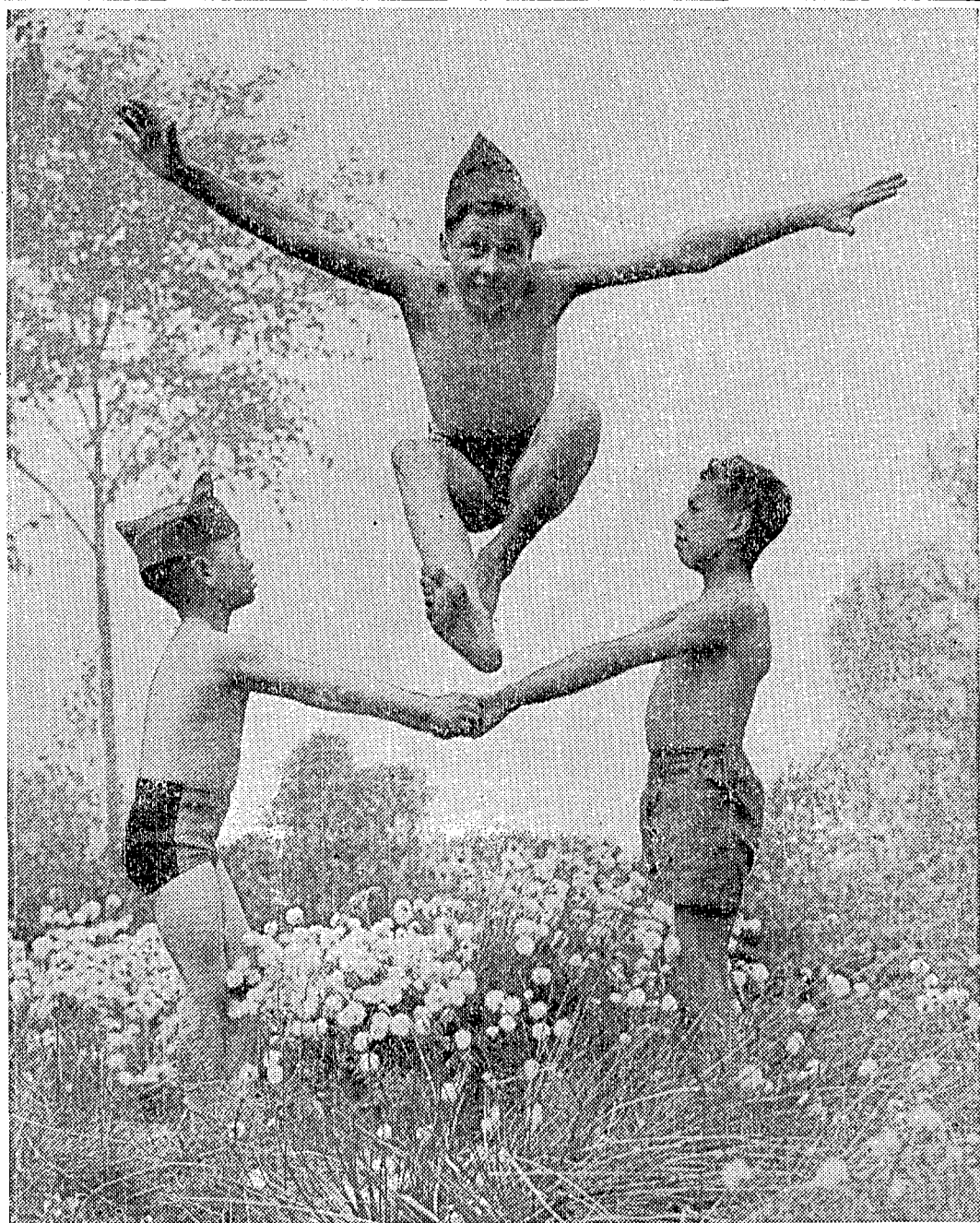
WATCHED WHILE ASLEEP

Mr. Zehnder stayed in the valley for two days but, wary of what might happen, posted four constables around his camp as guards at night. Nevertheless, when the party woke up in the morning they found dozens of the natives sitting inside the tent watching the white men sleep.

"They are fine looking people," says Mr. Zehnder, "mostly about six feet eight inches tall with barrel chests. They leap over the mountains like goats, live in huts with one family to each and cultivate huge gardens of sweet potatoes, a root like asparagus, sugar cane, and their own type of tobacco.

"They wear human hair as wigs, have necklaces made of grass seeds, armbands of locally made string, and loin-cloths held by a belt with a bone dagger strapped to the side."

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Where the nations are united

A good idea from Merseyside is the United Nations Boys' Club, Cheshire. The club holds weekend camps at Ness, on the Wirral Peninsula, where boys of all nations—and there are many in the crowded dockland area—can enjoy freedom together. Here the Club's star athlete is being given a helping hand by two friends from other lands.

FOX IS ONE OF THE FAMILY

A two-year-old, Alsatian dog, Ralph, and a two-month-old vixen have begun a friendship on the banks of the Ouse at Fulford, York.

The fox belongs to 16-year-old Billy Dobson, son of a York business man, whose family live in a motor-launch. Billy's father brought home the fox one day from a nearby village, and Billy intends to rear her and treat her as one of the family.

She looks forward to his homecoming from work in the evening,

for she is then taken for a walk on the lead and often roams quite free. Once she left her new home for a day and night. Someone discovered her about half a mile distant and returned her, very tired and hungry.

Now when Billy releases the fox, Ralph is let off the chain so that they bound away together. But the Alsatian guards her from all other dogs. An apple tub on the lawn forms her sleeping quarters, and she lives on raw meat and occasionally drinks milk.

PIGEON PASSENGERS

Two stowaways recently travelled on the Cunard liner Seythia on a voyage to Canada and back! They were pigeons which landed on the ship west of Fastnet, and after making the round Atlantic trip they were put ashore at Southampton.

Before their arrival back home the captain of the Seythia had sent a radio message to the Cunard Line giving details of the birds' markings. These were forwarded to a national pigeon fanciers' organisation at Gloucester to enable them to trace the owners.

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TARTANS IN NEW ZEALAND

One of the most striking things noticed by Scotsmen who migrate to New Zealand is the amount of tartan to be seen. More tartan is worn there than in Scotland.

Its popularity for street wear for women and girls is as great as ever, while on such occasions as Highland Balls, Caledonian Games, Inglesides, and Ceilidhs the kilt is much in evidence.

Though men seldom wear the kilt in the streets in New Zealand, several recent arrivals from the "land of the heather" favour it at all times—a practice that may further encourage the wearing of the colourful and comfortable kilt.

FALSE ALARM

Police of New Orleans, U.S.A., rushed with screaming sirens to a block of flats after receiving a report that a man was hanging from a 12th-floor window-sill by his finger-tips.

On arrival, they found nothing but a pair of trousers which had been hung out to dry.

SHIPS OF 17 NATIONS

Ships of 17 nations were in the Port of London one day this month. Altogether there were 173 ships, mostly British; but 60 of them were from Belgium, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Holland, India, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Norway, Panama, Poland, Sweden, Turkey, and the United States.

HOME RULE FOR Festival City

CN Diplomatic Correspondent

THE French Prime Minister, M. Mendès France, has offered Home Rule to Tunisia. A new Government has been formed in this French North African Protectorate by one of its leading native citizens, and in due course it will have full control of home affairs. France will continue to be responsible for Tunisia's defence and relations with other countries.

From Greenland's icy mountains

Information which may help to reveal the secret of what lies below Greenland's mighty ice-cap has been brought back by the 25 members of the British North Greenland expedition.

For two years they have been living in an unexplored part of this mass of ice which is 1700 miles long, 600 miles wide, some 10,000 feet thick, and probably 50,000 years old.

It is not known whether this vast frozen shield covers a large island, or a number of islands joined by the ice roof above them. But the explorers, led by Commander C. J. W. Simpson, R.N., have established the fact that the ice is melting, and they hope that the observations they have made will enable scientists to discover the rate at which it is disappearing. They agree with the theory of a pre-war French expedition that Greenland is "like a hollow tooth with a filling of ice."

How far they have penetrated Greenland's mysteries will not be known until scientists have examined all the records brought back. This will take about a year.

ROSEMARY FOR RESOURCE

One young lady who refused to be daunted by this fickle summer is nine-year-old Rosemary Lampitt of Worcester. She planned to hold a garden fête in aid of the R.S.P.C.A., and made many preparations. But the weather put garden fêtes out of the question. Undaunted, she set up her stall in the kitchen, and her friends turned up with their pennies and helped her to raise seven shillings for the R.S.P.C.A.

Friendly Giants

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In the Strickland Gorge through which the party passed to reach the lost tribe, there appeared to be huge mountain ranges slipping down from the sky, disappearing into the soapy foam of the Strickland River. The river was 200 feet wide at some points but only 20 feet at others. It took the party twelve days to cover the 35 miles down the gorge.

Mr. Zehnder, who is 28 and comes from Sydney, is making a full report on his findings and observations to the Australian Department of Native Affairs. The Department is already planning an official expedition to make contact with the tribe after their initial "discovery" from the air.

For over 70 years this southern Mediterranean land has been under the guidance of France, whose régime was welcomed by a people who had known only the corrupt rule of the old Ottoman Empire.

They have enjoyed great benefits under French rule; the land has been irrigated, olive forests planted, medical services organised, and schools established in this country which is almost the size of England.

DISLIKE OF VIOLENCE

Despite recent terrorism in Tunisia — demonstrations by Nationalists for the Home Rule now offered — the people (just over three million) generally dislike violence and rioting. They call it "the argument of the street," and prefer more civilised ways of settling disputes.

At the head of the State is the Bey, Sidi al-Amin, heir to a long line of governors of Tunisia who used to be appointed from Constantinople by the Ottoman Empire.

The Bey has difficulty with written French, but his study of French methods of administration since 1943, when he first became the monarch of Tunisia, has made him an experienced and politically-minded ruler, anxious to take the wisest course for his country.

FRENCH OPINION

Many of the Tunisians have wanted a Parliamentary Government on the British pattern, but until M. Mendès-France made his sudden offer of Home Rule the French had insisted that the Protectorate must reach independence gradually; that she was not yet ready for self-government.

Nevertheless, the French Prime Minister has decided that the time is ripe for the granting of Home Rule to Tunisia, and henceforth the responsibilities of France will be limited to defence policy and foreign affairs.

FUTURE OF SETTLERS

The biggest problem is the security and well-being of the French settlers. But the Tunisians will be expected to keep new agreements and obligations towards their fellow citizens of French extraction. After all, it is these who have been the country's best engineers, doctors, farmers, and business men, and have been chiefly responsible for economic and social progress.

Tunisia's gratitude for the many benefits conferred on her in the last 70 years will be best shown by wise and moderate government, and by loyal co-operation with the country which has been such a staunch friend.

The people of Edinburgh are now At Home to visitors from many countries, for this is the season of the now world-famous annual Edinburgh International Festival. It began last Sunday and closes on September 11.

Lovers of music and the drama are coming to the Northern Capital from all parts of the world. And what can be better than to hear some of Europe's best orchestras playing some of the world's most beautiful music in Britain's most beautiful city! Other treats await the visitors, too, for the Glyndebourne Opera is there.

The Festival's reputation for exciting new events is being well maintained. One of these is the

Tidy job of work



Jeanne Hodgson of Leicester is going to scrub down the decks as part of her duties on the training ship English Rose II, in Poole Harbour.

first visit of the Comédie Française, who are presenting a lavish production of Molière's classic comedy, *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*.

For ballet enthusiasts the Sadler's Wells company will be a great attraction at Edinburgh. Their programme this week is *Homage to Diaghilev*, marking the 25th anniversary of the death of the great founder of Russian ballet.

Among many other impressive items of the Festival programme is an exhibit devoted to the French master, Cézanne, in which are pictures insured for about £800,000.

Amid this display of international art, visitors will certainly not forget that they are in Scotland. On most mornings Princes Street will be lively with the skirl of bagpipes as the Edinburgh City Police Pipe Band (world champions) march to the Mound for a ten-minute programme. Also, during the last week of the Festival, there is to be a revue called, *Hail Caledonia*, with traditional songs and dances by Scottish performers.

The City of Edinburgh, says her Lord Provost, "will surrender herself to the visitors, and hopes that they will find in the performances of the Festival a sense of peace and inspiration, with which to refresh their souls and re-affirm their belief in things other than material."

News from Everywhere

PRICKLY

Mr. L. J. Whitehead, of Kingsdon in Somerset, has found a thistle with five heads.

The Indian Government is to spend £75,000 on a new Hindi encyclopedia.

After 27 years in the Arctic a Roman Catholic missionary, the Revd. Arthur Thibert, has produced a 4000-word English-Eskimo dictionary.

CATAMARANER

A 21-year-old German recently arrived at Newhaven navigating a home-made catamaran (log raft), in which he hopes to make a voyage round the world.

A summer school of the Pipers' Guild at Hereford has been attended by 80 pipers from five European countries.

A one-room school attended by only 15 children is to be kept open at Combs in Derbyshire, following a petition from nearly 250 villagers.

ILL-ILL ICEWORM

As the Duke of Edinburgh crossed the Arctic Circle in a plane recently, he was given a certificate announcing that he was now "an airborne iceworm of the initial degree."

Over 2000 boys entered for the recent Bible Class examination of the Glasgow Boys' Brigade, and 1811 passed.

AULD REEKIES?

A Veteran Car Rally from Glasgow to Edinburgh is to be held on August 28.

A diesel plant to provide light and heat has been installed in the Buddhist temple of Badrinath, 10,294 feet up in the Himalayas.

On show at the Science Museum at South Kensington until the end of the year are a number of the most important books on astronomy written between the fifteenth century and the middle of the nineteenth.

In 53 years Miss E. E. Campin, aged 66, of New Cross in London, has collected pennies to the value of £1200 for a South American missionary society.

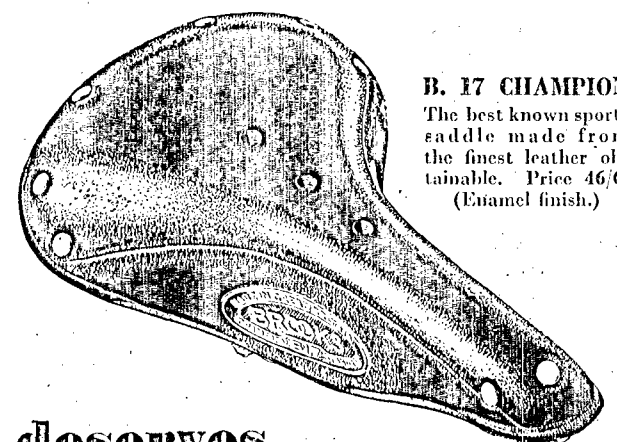
THANK YOU, CANADA!

A children's paddling pool in the shape of a maple leaf is a feature of new pleasure gardens at Sutton-on-Sea, replacing those destroyed in the 1953 floods. The Kin clubs of Canada sent £500 towards its cost.

Britain has probably the world's sweetest tooth. On an average we eat ½-lb. of sweets each per week.

A child's fireside chair was offered for a penny at a furniture sale at Marlow in Buckinghamshire. It was sold to a man who took his place at the head of the queue at 4 a.m.

A good Saddle . . .



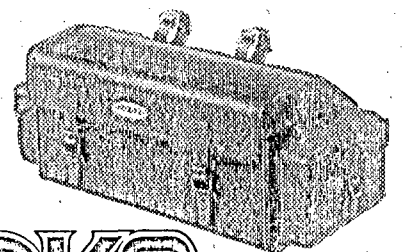
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FLYING ENTERPRISE AND TURMOIL AGAIN

A famous name has appeared again in the shipping lists of the Isbrandtsen Company of New York.

It is Flying Enterprise II—the successor to the heroine of the great sea story which made headlines and newsreels and kept broadcasting busy in January 1952.

Adrift in the Atlantic with a heavy list, her skipper remained on board alone for several days in a valiant attempt to save his ship and cargo.

Success seemed near when the tug Turmoil put out from Falmouth and nearly got her to port. But the sea and the weather had the last word.

And the captain of the new

Flying Enterprise II? Captain Kurt Carlsen, of course.

Not to be outdone by the new Flying Enterprise, the tug Turmoil, partner in the great adventure, got into the news again when she went to the rescue of a 2055-ton Norwegian freighter, on fire after crew and passengers had abandoned her seven miles out of Harwich.

The Turmoil's crew beat out the flames, refloated the freighter, and towed her to port.

Turmoil is a tug of 4000 horsepower and has twin diesel engines which make her one of the most powerful tugs in the world. She usually operates from the North coast of Ireland.

HIS PET ROOK

When a young rook fell from its nest in the Spring, Vaughan Reed, a 13-year-old CN reader at a school in Bridgwater, Somerset, took it under his care. Today it is quite tame, comes when called, struts possessively round his garden, and takes food from his hand.

The rookery in which it was born is in the tall trees at the foot



of Vaughan's garden where, as an ardent young naturalist, he spends quite a deal of his time. "Rookie" is a never-ending source of amusement to Vaughan and his younger brothers and sister, not the least of his accomplishments being to alight on Vaughan's arm, shoulder, or head.

As it grows older it is gradually taking to its more natural haunts. It was with this possibility in mind that Vaughan "ringed" its left leg so that if, in later years, it should return to visit its benefactor, he will be able to recognise it.

RELIC ON THE RIVER BED

The remains of a vessel, believed to be the British warship Zebra, have been discovered by a diver on the bed of the Mullica River, New Jersey.

The Zebra was the flagship of Commander Sir Henry Clinton's fleet sunk by Colonials during the War of Independence in 1778. It was part of a task force of seven vessels that stormed the Colonial Fort at Fox Burrow and burned the town of Chestnut Neck.

SELF-HELP SHOE SHOP

In Norway, when you want to buy a pair of shoes you can walk into a shop and serve yourself. Up to the end of July more than 300 self-service shoe shops have been opened in less than a year and another 350 shops in the country are changing over to the same system.

BEAN MILK AND FISH FLOUR

There are not enough cattle in the Far East to provide milk for all the children of India, Burma, Siam, Indonesia, and the Philippines, and so a new kind of milk is being produced from the flour of the soya bean. A factory in Hong Kong is engaged in this process. Experiments are also proceeding to produce "milk" from a mixture of soya and peanuts.

Flour is also being obtained from fish, in an effort to obtain more nourishing foods for these needy areas. Bread rolls made from fish flour are said to contain 50 per cent more protein value than those made from ordinary flour. Children in Africa and Latin America also will soon be benefiting from these experiments, which are being made by the Food and Agriculture Organisation and Unicef.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR CYPRUS

After experiments lasting for some years the Cyprus Government Forestry Department next year plan to begin developing the island's resin resources by using the 65,000 pine trees in the eastern and north-west districts.

Resin is used in the manufacture of varnish and printing ink.

Recently the conservator of forests, Mr. G. Chapman, visited Greece to study the methods of resin-tapping employed in the Thessaly forests where similar species of the Cyprus pine are found. It has since been decided to send two expert resin-tappers from Greece to teach the Cypriot villagers their craft.

Besides making Cyprus more prosperous, this means that work will now be found for several hundred villagers.

GARDENS AFLOAT

One of the strangest gardens in the world is on board the 6000-ton freighter La Hacienda. The master of the ship, Captain Ralph Eyre-Walker, a New Zealander, is a keen gardener and has interested his crew to such an extent that the ship now has miniature rockeries in every cabin and flower gardens all over the decks.



Proud owner

Four-year-old Ian Barclay of Inverness has a model jet aeroplane, made for him by a friend. And on every possible occasion he likes to show how well it flies.

BOTTLE CROSSES THE WORLD

A piece of cardboard which must have floated from New Zealand round Cape Horn and up the Atlantic Ocean to the shores of Norfolk has reached New Zealand again. This time it went by post.

It all began one day in October 1936 when two passengers on a ship sailing from New Zealand to Australia decided to put their names in a lemonade bottle and throw it overboard.

Each wrote his name on the two halves of an empty cigarette packet and placed them in a bottle which they set adrift in the Tasman Sea.

Eighteen years later the bottle was picked up at Happisburgh in Norfolk.

When the story was told to a professor of geography at Auckland, New Zealand, he said: "It is possible, but fantastic. The bottle must have rounded Cape Horn."

Or did this bottle get a lift part of the way? It could have been picked up and released again later nearer to Norfolk.

THIS NATION OF SHOPKEEPERS

When Napoleon referred to the British as "a nation of shopkeepers" the term was meant to be contemptuous, but in fact the service given by shopkeepers has made a great contribution to our economic progress.

A Stationery Office report deals with the 1950 census of the retail trades and shows that there were 684,764 retail businesses in the country then. Included in the total were 467,700 shops, 22,800 market traders, and 6600 street traders.

There were 435,000 full-time working proprietors of Britain's shops, and of this figure 38 per cent were women. There were 1,377,000 full-time employees in retail establishments of which just over half were women, but in the under-18 group girl assistants outnumbered the boys by 5 to 3.

RADIO FOR THE RAFT MAN

A 60-year-old American, Mr. William Willis of New York, is at present on a voyage of more than 4000 miles across the Pacific Ocean, alone on a small raft made from seven balsa logs. He started his journey late in June when he was towed out 70 miles off the port of Callao, Peru, and he expects his raft, the Seven Little Brothers, will take him beyond Tahiti.

Should he encounter trouble he will be able to summon aid by radio. Sir George Nelson, chairman of the English Electric group of companies, heard about Mr. Willis's project when he was visiting the Callao Naval Dockyard. When he learned that the raft had no radio equipment, he arranged for a Marconi Marine Salvita lifeboat wireless set to be flown from Chelmsford, England, to Lima, Peru, as a personal gift to the intrepid mariner.

DIGGING FOR HISTORY

Boys and girls of Towcester (Northants) Grammar School have been busily digging for archaeological remains in a field near their town, which in Roman days was called Lactodorum.

Working under the direction of Mr. John Alexander, of London University, and members of the Northamptonshire Natural History Society, they have already unearthed many Roman relics.

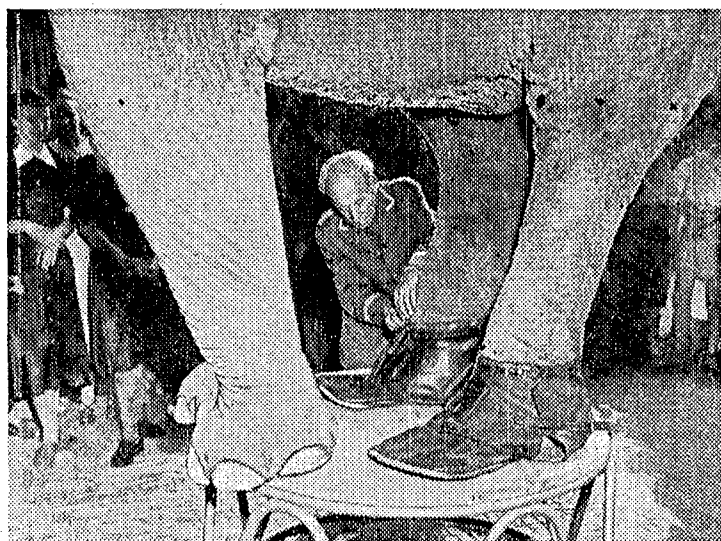
These include pieces of pottery, coins and stones which may have formed part of the earthworks which once surrounded the town.

When the excavations have been completed, bulldozers will move in to turn the former Roman site into a children's playground.

BABIES IN THE BACK

Nurse F. Peeling of Banham, Norfolk, is used to looking after babies—but not the sort she discovered in her car recently.

Hearing a strange noise behind the back seat she investigated and found a nest with five baby rats in it.



New shoes for a lady

Maha Rani, Hagenbeck Circus elephant in Berlin, has been having foot trouble. So now they are fitting her with shoes.

CAMERA CORNER

Continuing our series of articles to help young photographers to get better results.

22. Developing and Printing (1)

THE next five articles will deal with Developing and Printing, and I suggest that you cut them out and keep them together.

The basis of photography is that a change occurs in some silver compounds after they have been exposed to light. This change remains invisible until the compounds come in contact with the developer, causing the parts affected by light to go black.

If you look at a negative you will see that some parts are darker than others. The lightest portions of the subject are shown as the darkest parts on the negative, and so on.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

The sensitive compounds used are silver bromide, silver chloride, and some silver iodide. Films have a surface layer (emulsion) which is mainly silver bromide, and this is coated onto a pliable layer (base) of cellulose acetate. The base is often mistakenly called celluloid, but this is no longer used and modern film is non-inflammable.

To produce a negative from exposed film, you will require the following apparatus and materials: a daylight developing tank; a photographic thermometer; two film-clips; a 20 fluid

ounce measure; a watch; film developer and acid fixer.

The daylight developing tank is so called because after the film has been loaded into it, all further operations can be carried out in daylight. This is a great advantage and is far better than dish developing.

There are many tanks on the market, but the best are those with an auto-feed spiral and vertical spring agitation, which your local photographic dealer will be pleased to show you.

Full instructions are enclosed with each tank and you should first of all practise loading with an old film. Films must be loaded in complete darkness.

FILM CLIPS

A thermometer is required as the temperatures of the chemical solutions must be strictly controlled. The range normally used is 65 to 70° F.

The film clips are made of plastic or stainless steel and are used after processing. The top clip enables the wet film to be hung up and the bottom one stretches it straight while it is drying.

Strict cleanliness is essential, and every piece of apparatus should be washed thoroughly before and after each use. W. S. S.

ADVENTURE IN EGYPT

A great many scientists on the screen nowadays seem to have pretty daughters who are learned enough to help them in their work, writes the C.N. film correspondent.

In the film Valley of the Kings, the pretty daughter (Eleanor Parker) is carrying on her father's work after his death. He was an Egyptologist, and we first see her when—about the year 1900—she is in Cairo seeking evidence to confirm one of his theories—that when the tomb of the Pharaoh Ra-hotep was discovered it would contain proof of the Biblical account of Joseph.

This tomb is not known to have been discovered, but valuable antiquities that must have come from it are being sold. The daughter knows that some grave-robbers must be illegally selling things from the tomb.

She enlists the help of a young

archaeologist (Robert Taylor), and after many adventures they manage to unmask the villain, and find the tomb of Ra-hotep.

The tomb is in the Valley of the Kings, and some of the most exciting scenes take place there, including that oldest of all film thrills, the fight on the edge of a cliff. High above the valley, at the entrance to a sort of cave near the enormous carved heads of the ancient Pharaohs, the hero fights the villain. And even though we know very well which of them will win, the fight is exciting to the end.

The film is in colour and has many interesting and attractive scenes of Egyptian life. Apart from this, there are its pictures of the precious antiquities inside the tomb, which all look most impressive and convincing—at least to those of us who are not expert Egyptologists.



Robert Taylor and Eleanor Parker in Valley of the Kings

It happened this week

FIRST ROYAL CABLEGRAM

AUGUST 22, 1858. VALENTIA. The first Royal cablegram was despatched today when cordial and complimentary messages were exchanged between Queen Victoria and President Buchanan in the U.S.A. through the new Atlantic cable which lies on the sea bed between Valentia in Ireland and Cape Race, Newfoundland.

The President's message consisted of 143 words. It took two hours to transmit—including several repeats and corrections.

The service will greatly help commerce between the two continents. The cable, which weighs one ton per mile, is 2500 miles long—800 miles of cable being allowed for overlapping on the ocean bed.

At the trials held last year the cable snapped and sank to the bottom of the sea to a depth of 12,000 feet—more than 30 times the height of St. Paul's Cathedral.

(The Atlantic cable ceased to function on September 3, but success was finally achieved in 1866.)

REBEL EXECUTED

AUGUST 23, 1305. LONDON. Sir William Wallace, the Scottish rebel leader, was executed at Smithfield immediately after his trial in Westminster Hall this morning.

Wallace, who was refused permission to plead at his trial, had resisted King Edward's power for eight years; but he proudly denied that he was a traitor, saying he had never sworn allegiance to an English king.

Later, great crowds watched him being dragged on a horse-drawn hurdle from Westminster to Smithfield.

Wallace was brought to London yesterday by Sir John Monteith after being captured at Robroyston, near Glasgow, on August 5. His servant, Jack Short, is said to have betrayed him for forty marks.

CHANNEL IS SWUM

AUGUST 25, 1875. CALAIS. Cheering sailors hoisted flags on English ships here today as Captain Matthew Webb staggered on to the shore at the end of a feat never performed before. In 21½ hours he had swum the Strait of Dover from England to France. It was his second attempt.

Captain Webb set out from Admiralty Pier, Dover, at one o'clock yesterday afternoon. Although the distance between Dover and Calais is 22½ miles, it is estimated that because of tides and currents he swam 32 miles!

Throughout the night Captain Webb was supplied with beef tea, coffee, and brandy from the boats which accompanied him.

As he neared the French shore English and French men encouraged him by pushing down their oars and showing him they could touch bottom.

On landing Captain Webb was driven to the Hotel de Paris. He was rubbed down, and after drinking three glasses of wine he went to bed, declaring he felt quite fit.

ON THE AIR—This week Ernest Thomson writes about . . .

RADIO'S OWN FESTIVAL

IF radio can be said to have its own annual Festival, that time is now, for this Wednesday sees the opening of the National Radio Show at Earls Court, London. For ten days few people in this country will fail to be reminded of its existence.

BBC transmissions direct from the Exhibition are reflecting the

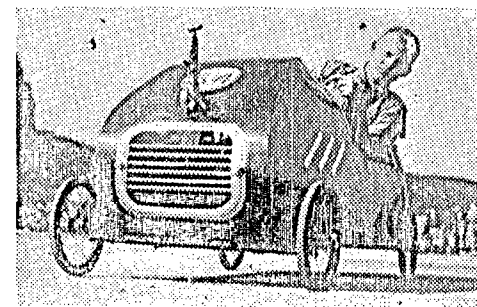
newest trends in presentation, this time with special emphasis on the thrills of TV outside broadcasts. Visitors to Earls Court can watch sound and vision programmes being rehearsed and transmitted. The exhibition stands are aglow with hundreds of TV sets in operation. Thousands of radio receivers are on view, too, with radiograms, and many interesting electronic gadgets.

An Army exhibit shows how TV might be used in battle; the Royal Navy demonstrates underwater TV; and the R.A.F. invites visitors to sit in a jet aircraft cockpit to experience the sensations of high speed flight and to see how radar helps in safe landings.

People of all ages will enjoy the TV broadcasts from the specially-built OB arena at Earls Court. Each is intended to show how the mobile units cope with different aspects of their work. Grandstand, on August 25, is featuring something of everything, from cere-

monial to circus entertainment, from Other People's Jobs to a fashion parade in open motor-cars.

Look out specially for The Night is Young, on August 28. This is youth night, with 400 boys and girls from various clubs and associations showing their skill in song and dance, gymnastics, sport, and precision drill.



A typical entrant in the Soap Box Derby

Boy Scouts are holding a Soap Box Derby; the Boys' Brigade are represented by Maori dancers and other overseas contingents; and the National Association of Mixed Clubs will have their Band and Dancers. There will be obstacle races and a human pyramid; a musical ride by the Pony Club; and a Sunset ceremony by Service cadets.

Do not forget the Children's TV programmes which are being transmitted from the small R.I.C. studio. Favourites on view will include Prudence Kitten with Annette Mills, George Cansdale "looking at animals," and Peter Butterworth in Peter's Troubles.

Mind how you go

LISTEN for Wilfred Pickles in the Children's Hour Saturday Excursion on August 28. The topic



Wilfred Pickles

is road safety and Wilfred will be taking a young friend on a jaunt to a busy road junction on London's outskirts to watch the traffic. His own title for the programme is For Safety's Sake Be Careful!

There are scouts and scouts. What are the duties of an A.A. scout? We can hear all about them in the second half of Saturday Excursion, beginning with a visit to the Automobile Association H.Q. with Wynford Vaughan Thomas.

Away on the Hog's Back in Surrey, Edward Ward will be heard discussing patrol work with scouts; and down at Dover we shall hear from Alan Dixon how the A.A. deal with private cars on the Cross-Channel ferry.

Rare bird

HAVE you ever seen the picathartes? Almost certainly not, but if the united efforts of the BBC and the London Zoo are successful you very soon will. On September 5 TV producer David Attenborough and cameraman Charles Lagus are flying from London Airport to Freetown, Sierra Leone, to trace this rarest of birds to its natural haunts. With them will be J. W. Lester, Head Keeper of the Zoo Bird House.

They hope to make a film for TV of picathartes at home. The bird had not been seen alive until 1949, when Mr. Lester discovered a colony in Africa, but his specimens died before reaching the coast. Other rare animals, particularly ants, scorpions, and frogs, will be caught and filmed.

The Goons demonstrate

How to get rid of vast flocks of starlings is a problem bothering town councillors in many parts of Britain. For a not too serious treatment of the subject let me commend a programme by the Goons in the Home Service on August 31.

I hear that Spike Milligan, Harry Secombe, and Peter Sellers have worked out their own crazy methods of coping with starlings. They are noisy ones, as you can well imagine!

MINIATURE CITY OF THE NETHERLANDS

ONLY a ten-minute tram ride from the heart of The Hague, capital of the Netherlands, lies another thriving city, called Madurodam.

But, as any young Netherlander will quickly explain, Madurodam is a city with a difference. It is, in fact, a city in miniature, with everything 1-25th of normal scale, and it is a memorial to George Maduro, whose heroism during the five-day invasion of Holland in 1940 earned him his country's equivalent to the Victoria Cross.

The proceeds from the small sum charged for admission is contributed towards the upkeep of

patients in the Netherlands Students Sanatorium.

Though only a few years old, Madurodam represents in a Lilliputian way the growth and development of a typical Dutch town through the centuries.

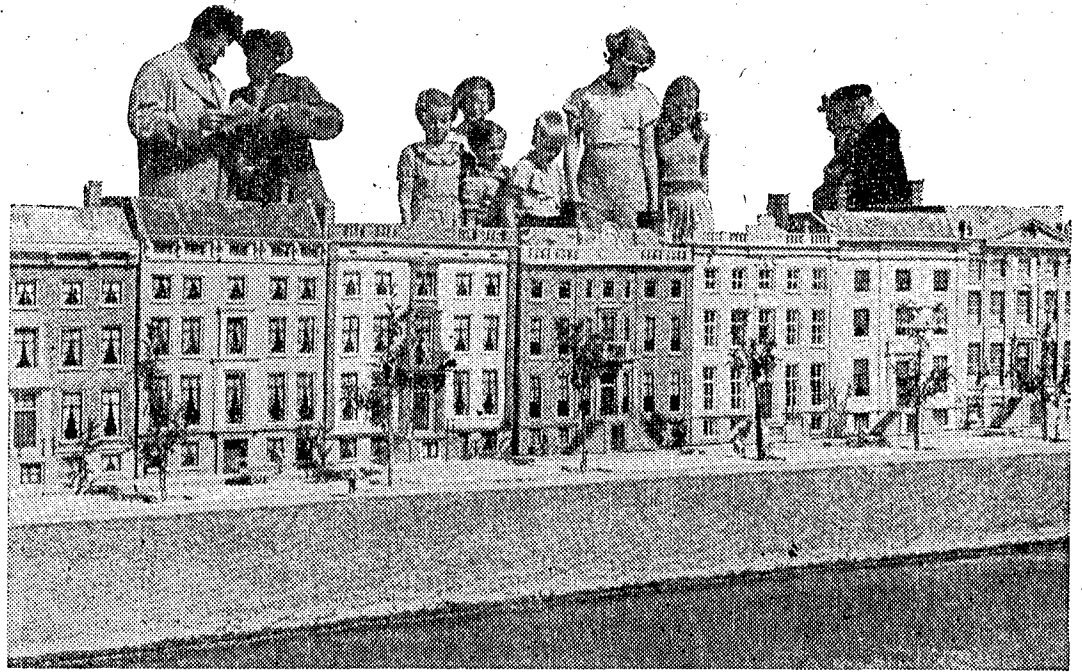
THE official guide book tells us that it was founded during the year 1000. It began as a settlement by a ford on the River Maduro, where a road leading to the sea crossed the river.

Maduro grew into a thriving community. It was granted a charter in 1355. Later it became an important farming and gardening centre. Now it is a leading manufacturing and trading city.

Such is the history with which this wonderful model city has been invested.

All visitors are amazed at the completeness of its seaport installations, railway yards, and airport.

There are working models of the latest types of dockside cranes, and a lighthouse synchronised to



Even the young children who visit Madurodam tower above its buildings

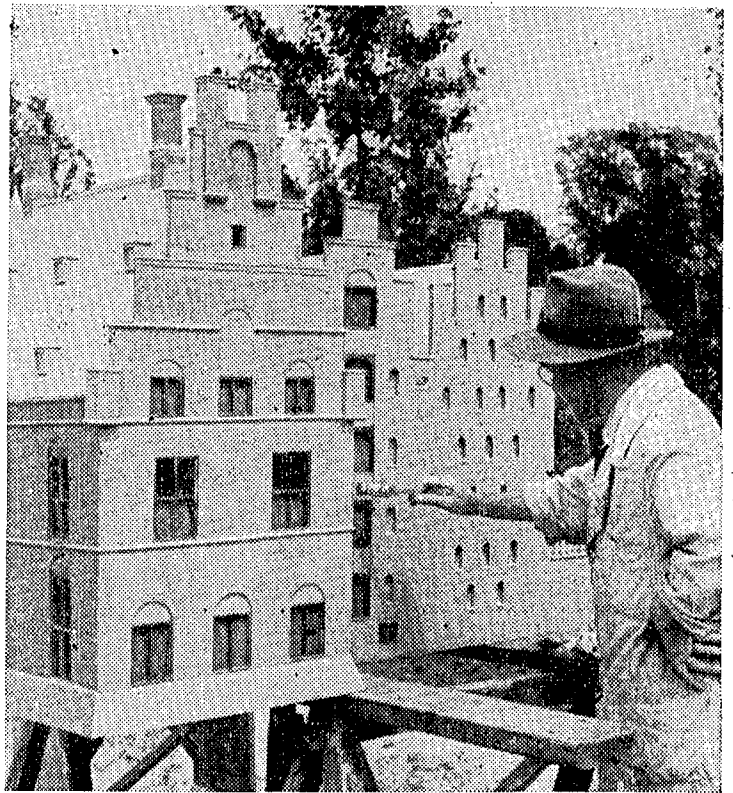
flash in turn with the nearby Scheveningen lighthouse. Detailed models of ships are berthed in the port, and at regular intervals the docks are seen in action.

Madurodam has one of the finest model railways in the world. Electric trains run frequently from the city centre to the suburbs, the services being based on the control system now in use by the Netherlands Railways.

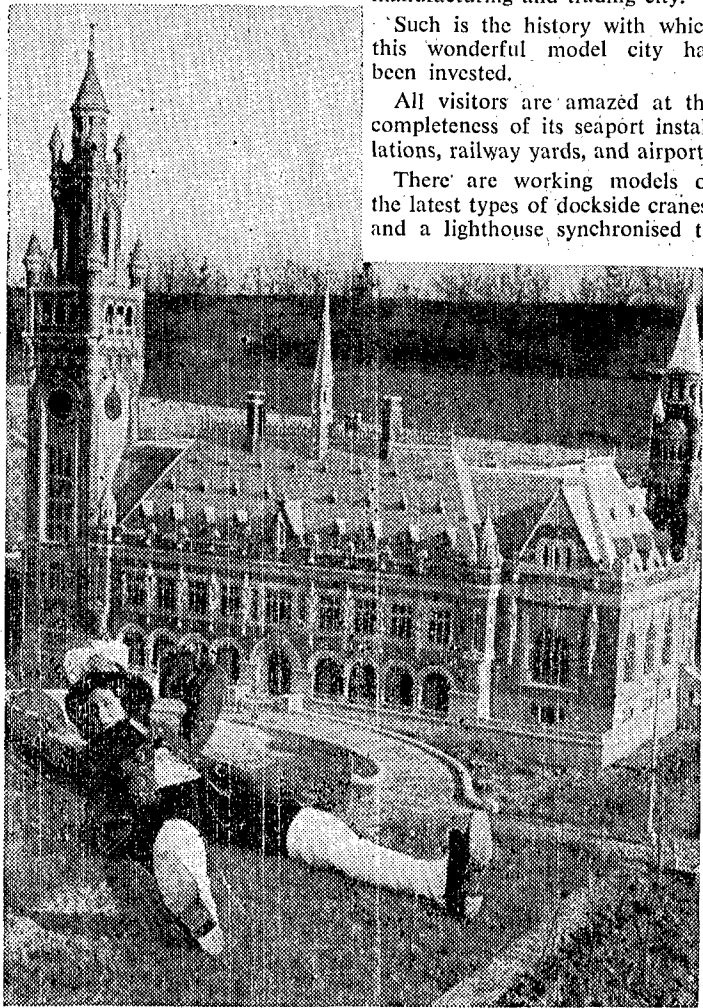
The Madurodam airport has a control tower, beacons, hangars, passengers' restaurant, and refuelling bowlers, as well as accurate models of the world's leading airliners. The airfield is actually maintained by K.L.M. (Royal Dutch Airlines).

The city itself is complete with busy highways, garden suburbs, inns, markets, telephone booths, and municipal buildings.

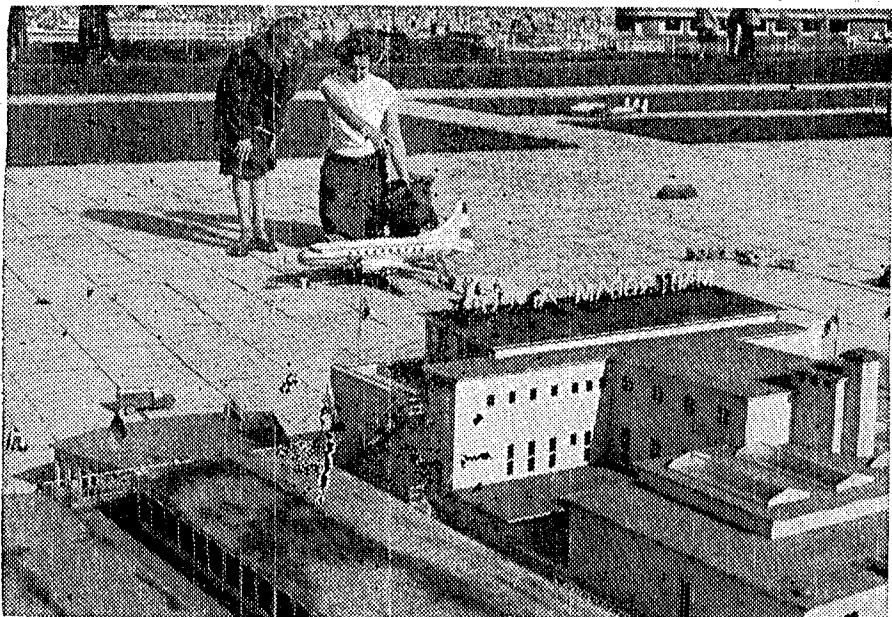
This tiny city also has a Royal Burgomaster, who heads what is undoubtedly the world's youngest municipal council. The Burgomaster's chain of office is worn by Princess Beatrix, eldest daughter of her Majesty Queen Juliana, and the council consists of 36 boys and girls elected annually from schools in The Hague.



Putting the finishing touches to a new model



Gulliver takes a rest in front of the Palace of Peace



Two busy centres of the amazing miniature city of Madurodam—The airport and the docks, with their realistic working models of planes, ships, and all the necessary equipment

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WORDS OF SAFETY

TIFBLAM, **ceffib**, and **tebb**. Those are strange new words which the Council of the London Borough of Camberwell hope will soon be on everyone's lips.

In a road safety booklet, issued free, the Council request that every motorist should say "Tifblam" before setting out. He will then have reminded himself of things he should check—tyres, instruments, fuel, brakes, lights, adjustment of driving seat, mirrors.

Ceffib is for the motorcyclist. It stands for controls, electrical equipment, tyres, fuel, instruments, and brakes. **Tebb** is for cyclists—tyres, electrical equipment, brakes, and bell.

Another word in similar vein might be coined for use by pedestrians about to cross a road. **Lewf**—look each way first—would be a constant reminder of Kerb Drill.

SPORTSMAN

THE incident best typifying the wonderful spirit of the Empire Games took place after they had ended.

The attention of the world had been focused on the thrilling duel between John Landy and Roger Bannister. But few people knew that the night before the great race John Landy had cut his foot and had had to have stitches inserted.

When the news finally leaked out it was denied by Landy for, as he said afterwards when persistent questioning forced him to admit the truth, it did not affect his running and he did not wish to make any excuse for his defeat nor detract from Bannister's victory.

A true sportsman.

The Editor's Table

LOOK TO YOUR BRAKES

A TIGHTENING up of the regulations concerning children's bicycles will lead to a tightening up of brakes.

From September 1 parents will be legally responsible for ensuring that their children's cycles have two efficient and independent brakes. Under the new regulations the police will have powers to inspect and test any cycle that is used on the roads.

In the case of a small child's cycle with a wheel diameter of 18 inches or less, only one brake is necessary.

These stricter regulations have been welcomed by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. "Too frequently," says the Society's Director-General, "inspection of children's machines shows that they are not roadworthy."

'Twas ever thus

I AM sorry to say that we did not enjoy very good weather. It appears to me that we do not enjoy the same good summers as we used to do.

That is an extract from a letter by a returned holiday-maker, written, not in 1954, but in 1862, and recently quoted in the magazine of St. Chad's Church, Headingley, Leeds.

If the writer were able to see England today probably the one thing he would recognise would be the weather.

Think on These Things

WHEN pilgrims went to Jerusalem to take part in the great festivals of the Jewish church, they used to sing hymns expressing their joy and gladness. One of these was Psalm 122: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of the Lord."

We can imagine their happiness when they came at last to the Holy City and were able to take part in the great services of worship in the Temple.

We ourselves may sometimes say that we just do not feel like going to church and taking part in worship. But the fact is that we owe it to God to worship Him on His day; it is a duty.

But worship is also a great privilege, and we should learn to think of it always with joy and delight.

O. R. C.

Quest for knowledge

THE Rev. L. J. Gardner, Port Elizabeth (South Africa) port chaplain, was stopped on board a ship recently by a seaman with a problem.

"Tell me, padre, who was the husband of Bathsheba?"

"Uriah," Mr. Gardner replied at once.

"Thank you, sir," the seaman replied, "that completes my crossword puzzle."

Smiling Princesses



Two girls who may one day become Queens meet at Graaston Castle in Jutland, Denmark. They are Princess Margrethe of Denmark (left), and Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands.

Walking fast

TO show how long and how far a human being can go without food, nine Swedes recently walked 300 miles in ten days without eating a morsel.

Scorning solid nourishment, they stuck to water; but when they limped into Stockholm they were thoroughly exhausted, and doubtless privately dreaming of smörgasbord, the delightful Swedish open sandwiches of many delicious varieties.

According to their leader's theory, their health was improved and their stamina unimpaired. But they could hardly be blamed if they had no wish to continue the treatment.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, August 30, 1924.

THIS year's air race round Britain for the King's Cup—a handicap race—was won by Mr. Alan J. Cobham.

He flew a commercial liner, a D.H.50, with a 230 h.p. Siddeley Puma water-cooled engine, and covered the course of about 1000 miles from the Suffolk coast to Lee-on-Solent, by Leith, Dumbarton, and Falmouth, in 8 hours 57 minutes, at an average speed of over 106 m.p.h.

A seaplane, a Fairey D.3, with a 450 h.p. Napier Lion engine, was second. Her pilot was Captain Norman Macmillan, her time 8 hours 45 minutes 53 seconds, and her average speed was nearly 109 miles an hour; but some time was lost through not at first crossing the pier at Lee-on-Solent.

DAINTY DISH

PITY the poor British cook; he is always coming under fire, so to speak. Appeals are constantly being made to proprietors of hotels and restaurants to make their meals more attractive to tourists.

The average Briton is quite content with his "joint and two veg." Not so the visitors from overseas, who continue to marvel at the unimaginative way in which we prepare our food; and their opinion is perhaps summed-up by this anecdote in a letter to the London Evening Standard.

The writer states that after taking a party of American visitors through England, Scotland, and Wales, they stopped in a beautiful part of the Lake District.

"What magnificent scenery," exclaimed one of the tourists. "And what a good thing it is you can't cook it," he added.

To a robin

WHEN that the fields put on their gay attire,

Thou silent sitt'st near brake or river's brim,

Whilst the gay thrush sings loud from covert dim;

But when pale winter lights the social fire,

And meads with slime are sprent, and ways with mire,

Thou charm'st us with thy soft and solemn hymn

From battlement, or barn, or haystack trim;

And now not seldom tun'st, as if for hire,

Thy thrilling pipe to me, waiting to catch

The pittance due to thy well-warbled song:

Sweet bird! sing on: for oft near lonely hatch,

Like thee, myself have pleased the rustic throng,

And oft for entrance, 'neath the peaceful thatch,

Full many a tale have told, and ditty long.

John Bampfylde, born August 27, 1754

JUST AN IDEA

As Maria Edgeworth wrote: Ill-luck is generally but another name for want of forethought.

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THEY SAY . . .

I BELIEVE we should work for a happy, secure, and peaceful life for the generations which will come after us. This implies a high standard of moral values as well as a high standard of living.

The Duke of Edinburgh

FRANCE is plunged in a deep sleep full of nostalgic dreams and nightmares about a dark future. She must be awakened. It is a fine but difficult task.

M. Mendès-France

IN Indiana summer hats are worn in winter, and winter hats in summer, because each hat shop wants to be ahead of its competitors.

An American milliner in London

THE word "finalised" may be very well in the commercial world, but not in court. What is wrong with using "completed"? Mr. Justice North of the New Zealand Supreme Court

WHAT our Christians need is to see the Christian faith proclaimed and expressed by others than those who are paid to do the job.

Bishop Howells of Nigeria

Out and About

THEY may look funny to us, and clumsy, but watch one of the olive-green shore-crabs which hunt just above the edge of the sea. The sand-hoppers have made it uncomfortable for us to sit on the beach any longer, so we paddle slowly along, and get a surprise.

A shore-crab is looking in all directions at once with his popping eyes on stalks, ready to seize anything that will not fight. Sand-hoppers suit him well, quick as they are.

One alights two feet away; the crab lifts himself a little and in a quick dash is above the hopper surrounding it with all his eight legs, then neatly picking it up with a claw. Another alights on one side of the crab. It is caught just as quickly, for the crab's legs, that never keep in step, enable him to move in any direction without turning round.

The sand-hoppers, by the way, are not insects but miniature crustaceans, relatives of shrimps, and also of crabs.

C. D. D.

Under the Editor's Table

A man has made his children their own roundabout. They use it in turn.

Most schoolchildren love to have a lesson in the open air. But can they take it in?

The age of fiction is dead, says a writer. A novel thought.

Scientists say the Earth is becoming warmer. The news leaves most people cold.

PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If air hostesses
are taken up
with their job



Children should be encouraged to make their own games. But not make game of other people.

A man says he is comfortably untidy. A neat way of putting it.



OUR HOMELAND

Thatched houses at
Amberley in Sussex

REPORT ON WILD LIFE

Nature notes of a wet summer

By the C.N. Naturalist

PLAGUES of caterpillars, especially of the mottled umber moth, the green oak tortrix, and the small ermine moth, have stripped the leaves from many oak, cherry, birch, and hazel trees in parts of south Lakeland, especially on the west side of Lake Windermere. Even the bilberry undergrowth has been affected.

In places the large red wood-ant, which builds anthills two feet tall and four feet wide out of pine-needles, has been seen to carry off the caterpillars as they fell from the leaves. A special study of this ant is being made by the Nature Conservancy at its Merwood Research Station.

One of Britain's rarest mountain beetles, *Leistus montanus*, has been rediscovered in Lakeland this summer. It was first found on Skiddaw about a century ago and then not heard of in England again until about three years ago.

ANCIENT BEETLES

Some prehistoric inhabitants have recently been identified by experts of the British Museum and from Kew Gardens. They were golden apple beetles, ground beetles, and a Continental beetle which became extinct in this country a few thousand years ago. They were identified by their wing-cases found six feet deep in the moorland peat on the Westmorland-Durham border.

A special study of the grasshoppers and crickets of the British Isles, including the Channel Isles, has just been completed. Thirteen species of grasshopper have been recorded, three ground-hoppers, eleven bush-crickets, three true crickets, one mole-cricket, and eight different cockroaches. Many of the rarer species of grasshopper and cricket can be identified by the sort of chirp they make.

On the moors on the Durham side of the border a rare marsh-hawk called Montagu's harrier nested this summer, and another pair of the same species nested on Anglesey, while a solitary young marsh-harrier spent the summer on a "moss" or bog at Silverdale, in North Lancashire.

SAD STORY OF WAGTAILS

A pair of blue-headed yellow wagtails which nested in Cheshire this summer had their first nest with five eggs wrecked by a plough. Later they nested again in a barley field and were feeding four young; but one of the bird-watchers visiting the site early one morning found an adult bird and four chicks dead outside the nest where some enemy, probably a weasel, had attacked them in the night.

Other interesting nestings have been the spotted crane in North Wales and eiders at Walney light-house, near Barrow.

Four pied flycatchers ringed at Glenridding, beside Ullswater, in 1951 were identified again at the same place this summer by their ring-numbers. These small birds are summer visitors which migrate each winter to Africa.

Some of the rarer wild flowers

found this summer in North Wales include the spiked speedwell, the spotted cat's ear, the dark red helleborine orchid, and the goldilocks-aster, all on the Great Orme; and the ivy broomrape and the Welsh stonecrop on the Little Orme. A hybrid between the green frog-orchid and the common spotted orchid has been sent to Kew Herbarium from an interesting haunt of wild flowers near Llanferres called the Pot Hole Valley.

OUT OF SEASON

The wet summer has made it a difficult nesting season for the grouse on the northern moors, but the rains brought so many spates or floods that many more salmon than usual were able to ascend the rivers. A salmon weighing 35½ lbs., one of the biggest on the Tweed for many years, was netted near Berwick.

The abnormal summer rains and the lack of the usual summer sunshine have certainly brought some unseasonal responses from nature. Primroses are still in flower and bud in some Welsh lanes near Llangollen; winter duck have stayed for the summer; mergansers have remained off the Ravensglass bird sanctuary on the Cumberland coast, golden eye near Barrow-in-Furness, and a velvet-scooter in the Dee estuary. Nearly a thousand oyster-catchers stayed this summer in Morecambe Bay.

E. H.

SHEFFIELD BOY'S SWORD

Walter Newsome, the 12-year-old Sheffield boy who found an Anglo-Saxon sword in the River Witham, and presented it to Sheffield's Weston Park Museum, has been given a half-scale replica in stainless steel.

The original sword, with its silver-mounted, finely ornamented pommel and hilt of Anglo-Saxon workmanship, is unlike any other found in Britain, and is believed to date from about A.D. 825.

School for explorers of space

Space travel is by no means just around the corner, but it was announced at the 5th International Astronautical Congress, recently held at Innsbruck, that German scientists had now organised a department of astronautics (or navigation among the stars) at Stuttgart's Technical University.

The head of the new department is Dr. Eugene Sänger, a distinguished rocket engineer, who, till recently, was working for the French Government. His wife, also a scientist, will assist him.

It is early yet to say what programme is likely to be followed on the lines of the progress already made. American rocket engineers state that they have a suitable rocket which could be modified, in a period of about four years, to act as a small artificial moon.

ROCKET SEARCH FOR OIL

A member of the American Franklin Institute suggests such a satellite rocket or "moon" could pay for itself by helping in the search for new oil and mineral deposits. By carefully observing changes in the orbit followed it would be possible to calculate the variation of gravity forces over different parts of the Earth's surface. From this it should then be easier and cheaper to locate new deposits than by the present-day methods.

An Italian delegate to the Congress carried this idea of the simple space-station yet a stage further. He suggested that the satellite should be used to repeat television programmes. It could radiate a single programme so that it would be received over half the surface of the Earth. Power would be obtained from a solar engine, trapping the intense rays of the Sun in outer space.

From what a number of the delegates said it would seem that test rockets carrying instruments might be circling the Earth fairly soon but that journeys to the Moon are still remote.



Thatcher's mate

Mr. John Jefford, a Norfolk reed thatcher of Great Yarmouth, has an assistant—his dog Karah. She is here seen helping her master as he works on a roof at Kinver, in Staffordshire.

SHAKESPEARE IN CANADA

A few weeks ago the C.N. reported the formation of a Shakespeare Centre at Stratford in Connecticut, U.S.A. Now a Canadian reader, Mr. W. H. Crane, has drawn our attention to a bold venture at Stratford in Ontario, where a nine-week Festival of plays is due to end on August 28.

The theatre at Canada's Stratford is a huge tent with seating capacity for 1900. The stage is a modern version of the Shakespearean one; three-sided, projecting outwards, and built on several different levels. It was created by Tanya Moiseiwitsch, the celebrated European theatrical designer, and daughter of the famous pianist.

HOW IT BEGAN

The birth of this Canadian Shakespeare Festival—the first one was held last year—is an adventure story in itself. It reflects the vision and courage of the local people, and of their willing helpers from other lands. It is a revelation of the ties that bind the English-speaking world.

The full tale is told in the Staff Magazine of the Bank of Montreal by Mr. W. H. Kalbfleisch, the Bank's Stratford manager, who was one of the originators of the movement.

The Godfathers of the Festival were a group of Stratford business and professional men; solid sensible people yet all marked with a slight touch of the visionary, or they would not have undertaken such a venture.

POWERFUL FRIENDS

A number of Stratford citizens ridiculed the idea that their small city could develop a yearly Shakespeare Festival. But the Godfathers had powerful allies. Tyrone Guthrie, the world's outstanding authority on Shakespearean drama, travelled from Ireland to Ontario to help. Alec Guinness, the British film-star, when asked to come to Canada to act in yet-unchosen plays, in a yet-to-be-theatre, on yet-to-be-raised money, said he would come even if he had to break a film contract to do so.

Such enthusiasm was contagious, and Stratford folk caught the

"Festival disease," as critics of the scheme called it. The symptoms were excessive generosity of time and money, extreme determination, and violent refusal to admit possible failure.

Thus the Stratford Shakespearean Festival of Canada Foundation came to life in 1952. Next year it nearly died before a line of Shakespeare had been spoken on its stage. Eight weeks before the opening night of the first Festival, officials were wondering whether or not the show could go on. The money contributed by Stratford people had vanished to meet the vast expenses that a large-scale theatrical production involves. But the Canadian Stratfordians never lost their faith, and the actors went on rehearsing in a dusty old barn. For the big tent was not yet completed.

When things looked black, the Providence that always seems to protect visionaries, sent anonymous donations amounting to 35,000 dollars.

STAGGERING SUCCESS

Next came anxiety as to whether the tent would be ready in time. Three weeks before opening night it arrived from Chicago, accompanied by an expert who worked almost sixty solid hours, lost fifteen pounds in weight, but saw this Shakespearean "big top" safely erected.

In 1953 the Festival's success staggered the most optimistic of its supporters. The box office was deluged with requests for tickets, and although the season was extended for two weeks many Shakespeare enthusiasts had to be turned away.

Such was the fame of that first season that demands for tickets for this year's Festival came from places as far from Ontario as Texas, Mexico, Hawaii, and Bermuda.

The stout-hearted citizens of Stratford have achieved a triumph of faith. We shall agree with Mr. Kalbfleisch that their Festival marks Canada's maturity as a nation, and her aspiration to ideals other than those of material success.



Point of view

When the car stopped in the Cape Point Nature Reserve, South Africa, a monkey mother brought her youngster to watch the funny human beings in their queer-looking cage.

100th BIRTHDAY OF A LITTLE RAILWAY

Exactly a hundred years ago, on August 28, 1854, the Central Somerset Railway was opened to the public. Thus began a little line which afterwards became part of the Somerset and Dorset Railway, and for several years now has been operated by British Railways.

A few days before the public opening the Directors of the company made an inaugural journey from Highbridge, on the coast, to Glastonbury.

At Glastonbury they were met by the Mayor, Corporation, and other prominent people. All the townspeople joined in the celebration, which included a civic luncheon, free refreshments for all, and a giant fireworks display. It was truly a gala day.

Many technical difficulties had to be overcome by the engineers who laid the line, for though the land was flat it was also very boggy—much of it being reclaimed waste land.

PLACE IN HISTORY

This problem was solved by making bridges formed of layers of bushes packed with gravel and clay. Then came further layers of tree trunks, and on this foundation the rail lines were then laid.

The new railway greatly helped in opening up this part of the country, bringing increased trade and prosperity; and it has a secure place in the affections of Somerset folk, as it has in their county's history.

To celebrate the centenary of the little railway, the Mayor (Councillor Humphrey Morland) and Corporation of Glastonbury have planned a special outing for the children of the town—from Glastonbury to Burnham-on-Sea.

A bumper day has been arranged with all kinds of treats: a Punch and Judy show, marionettes, donkey rides, boating, many other games, and a special tea for all.

Steps to Sporting Fame



Roger Bannister was the first man to run a mile inside four minutes; Diane Leather, a doctor's daughter, was the first girl to run it inside five minutes.



Diane, 21, took up running only two years ago, to give herself evening relaxation and to widen her circle of friends. She started with cross-country running and then took up track racing. This year she has won international fame.



It began with a world record for the mile. Then she made a British record for the 800 metres, quickly followed by a mile in 4 min. 59.6 secs. Then, with Ann Oliver and Norah Smalley, came a world record for the 3x880 yards relay.

Diane Leather



Diane remains modest in fame, and says that on the track all she thinks about is passing the girl in front. Running is "just a hobby" and her real work is analysing chemical compounds at Birmingham University.

BUSIEST ANIMAL HOSPITAL IN BRITAIN

Lancashire animal-lovers recently had the opportunity of seeing the busiest animal hospital in Britain at work. An "At Home" to show a normal working day was held at the National Canine Defence League's hospital at Eccles, the only one of its kind west of the Pennines.

Consisting of three floors, the Eccles Animal Hospital has a reception room, clinic, X-ray and operating theatre, and is housed in an ordinary shop-residence building facing the Bridgewater Canal. There is a staff of five.

CARE OF THE SICK

A motor ambulance service visits all the League's clinics in the region and takes sick and injured pets to and from Eccles. Emergencies, often the result of street accidents involving animals, occur on an average three to four times a day. The police ring up constantly.

The hospital has saved many pets from an untimely death, including those belonging to the blind and Old Age pensioners, who often live alone save for the companionship of a dog or cat.

This year the numbers given treatment at Eccles are already 20 per cent higher than last.

Lancashire has reason to feel grateful for this humane service, which is entirely supported by the gifts of kindly folk.

"AFTER YOU..."

Two new vessels are due to enter the waters of the Tyne on August 30 from shipyards facing each other. An interval of only half an hour will separate the launching of the 9350-ton Innesmoor from Hawthorn Leslie's yard at Hebburn-on-Tyne, and that of the 16,000-ton tanker British Patrol from Swan Hunter and Company's Neptune yard at Walker-on-Tyne.

WRONG TAP—HARBOUR FULL OF OIL

All the news from Vancouver lately has been of the Empire Games. But a correspondent sends us a very different story from there. It concerns a little piece of carelessness which led to a very good deed.

One day in the early summer, he writes, some heavy, black, greasy oil escaped from one of the local refineries and spread a horrible dark coating on the ships and wharves, and on sand and rocks of many miles of pleasure beaches.

You may think there is nothing unusual in that. Every day, all over the world, on one beach or another, waste oil is spoiling somebody's holidays by ruining clothes and fouling yachts. Worse still, it is killing birds. But there were two unusual things about this accident.

One was the very scale of it. About 6000 barrels of the heaviest type of "bunker oil," fuel for the larger ships, escaped. This oil was worth about £9000. And it spread over something like 18 miles of wharves and beaches.

The other unusual thing is that the oil company at once began to

tidy up the mess, instead of leaving the job to Nature (which might take years) or to the private owners of boats and waterfront property, and to the Parks Board. It admitted its responsibility at once, and did something about it.

At the time these words are written it may have cost about £30,000 to tidy up the mess made by 6000 barrels of oil, and the job is not finished yet. Every day, for weeks and months, a gang of 50 men has gone out, working from beach to beach. Three small harbour tugs pull three landing barges to the job, and three bulldozers go ashore to do what they can.

Small oily driftwood is burnt on the spot. Large logs are towed away to a safe place for huge bonfires. Then the beach is sprayed

EIGHT BROWNS AT SCHOOL.

There is a pupil named Brown in every class at the Te Mata village school, about 100 miles south of Auckland, New Zealand. And they all belong to one family—six brothers and two sisters, the eldest being 13 and the youngest 5.

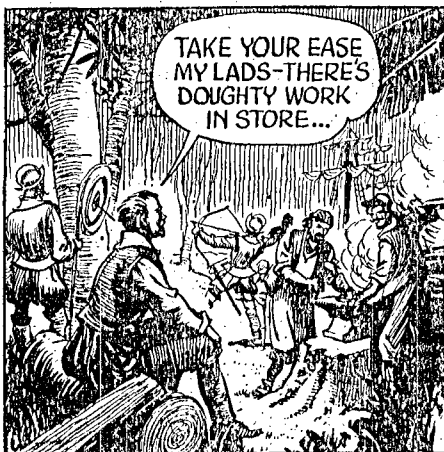
with a special emulsifier, which turns the sticky oil to something like soapsuds, and the suds are flushed off the beach by huge pumps which squirt sea-water over it.

The emulsifier costs about £140 for a 45-gallon barrel. True, it is diluted about 50 times before use, but the company is using a great many barrels of it. It is being used on yachts and other craft, as well as beaches. Any boat-owner can call the company to come and clean the oil waterline of his boat.

This Herculean cleaning operation must be unique in the history of any waterfront, both for its size and for the cheerfulness of the company responsible. And how did it happen in the first place, the spilling of the 6000 barrels of bunker oil? Why, a man at the refinery turned the wrong tap—and then left it running.

Anybody can leave a tap running. It happens in every house, though hardly in the same way. Because it could happen to anybody, the company did not discharge the poor man. They suspended him for a fortnight and then hired him again.

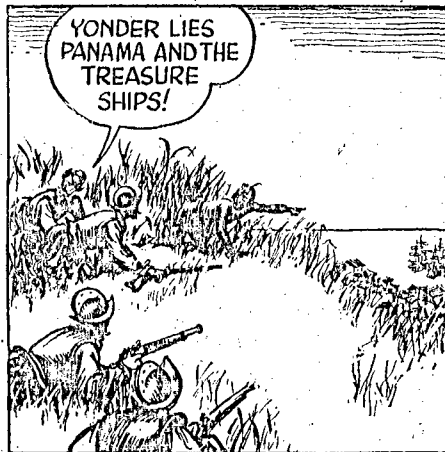
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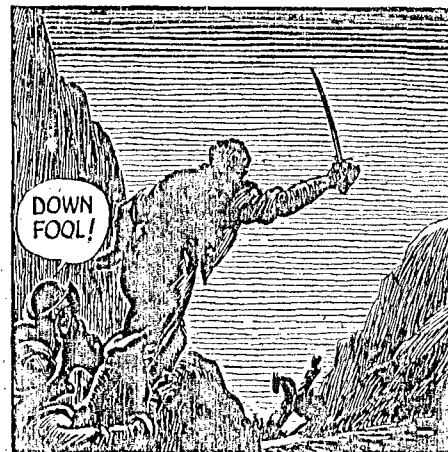
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DOWN FOOL!

Recovered from his wound, Drake now hoped to ambush the mule convoy that brought treasure from Peru across the Isthmus of Panama to Nombre de Dios. To put the Spaniards off the scent, he sailed to Cartagena and captured some ships. Then he returned to the Gulf of Darien and hid his vessels in a secret cove. In this retreat he set up a "village" where his men could rest, and refit their ships.

Drake made allies of the Cimaroons, descendants of escaped Negro slaves, who told him the treasure convoy would not move overland for five months. During this interval he raided shipping; but his brother John was killed. Another brother, Joseph, and several men died of fever. At last the time came to march inland. The Cimaroons showed him a tree from the top of which he saw the Pacific Ocean for the first time.

The party consisted of only 18 Englishmen and 30 Cimaroons. Success depended entirely on surprising the heavily guarded convoy. Moving with the greatest caution, the raiders approached the port of Panama. They hid in a wood beside the Isthmus road along which, one of their Cimaron spies told them, the mules laden with gold and silver would come after dark. Silently and impatiently they awaited nightfall.

Later they heard the sound of mule bells approaching. Drake had ordered no one to move until the Spaniards were level with them, when he would whistle as a signal. Unluckily a single horseman came along the road well ahead of the treasure mules. An excited sailor, forgetting Drake's orders, sprang up. The others pulled him down, but the horseman wheeled round and galloped back towards the convoy.

Has this foolish sailor given the game away? See next week's instalment

MYSTERY ON THE MOOR

by Garry Hogg

Nessa and Lance Conway, on holiday in the West Country, meet the Young Squire and tell him of suspicions they have about an isolated castle-like house known as Twigg's Folly. At his suggestion they pay another visit to the place, but there they are stopped by an Alsatian dog. A surly man allows them to enter, but soon afterwards tells them to go. They are relating the story to their Uncle, Bruce Halliday, when the Young Squire arrives.

12. Mr Faldino

HE hopped over the side of his car and in three strides reached our door.

"Hallo, you two," he said. "Anything to report?"

"Come in, Clive!" Bruce called out. He turned to me. "Tell him what you heard up at Twigg's, Lance."

I told him about the humming, and he nodded thoughtfully. "It bears out what I suspected," he said, "as soon as you told me about that cable. I rang up the electricity people and got in touch with the chief sub-station. They told me over the phone that for the last few days they had been puzzled by two things: an inexplicable leakage of current on one system, and some curious flickerings on their main dials. They propose to investigate."

"I hope they were grateful when you told them the probable cause, then," Bruce said.

"I didn't, as a matter of fact. But I did suggest that if they would send an engineer or two along here I thought we might be able to give them a tip-off."

"Any developments at your end?" Bruce asked.

IN YOUR GARDEN

22. Insect friends

It is important to be able to recognise friends from foes among the many insects found in a garden.

The ordinary earthworm does good work in the soil though it can be a nuisance on lawns. Ladybirds eat aphides (greenfly, blackfly, and the like). The Devil's Coach-Horse beetle, which raises its tail when disturbed, destroys earwigs and other pests.

Centipedes are of two kinds. One is long and yellow, the other is brown and shaped like a herring-bone. Both are good friends because they live on slugs and other pests. But do not confuse them with millipedes which injure and destroy garden crops. Centipedes have flat bodies; millipedes have round ones.

Spiders destroy flies, small moths, and other pests. Glow-worms feed on snails.

These are all friends, so get to know them and refrain from killing them.

"Alarm and despondency at Faldino's," Clive answered briefly.

"The fair?"

Clive nodded.

"Apparently one or two of his people have had the bulk of their takings lifted. They suspect a fair-ground man who has been tagging on for some time past, and is not greatly loved by any of them."

Nessa and I exchanged a glance. We knew who the thief probably was; and what is more, we knew where he was!

"Any objection to my taking Lance and Nessa for a short run, Bruce?"

"Not if you don't keep them out too late."

"Back in an hour," Clive said, and promptly bundled us into his car. Almost in no time we pulled up outside the fairground, where things were just beginning to warm up, and he asked the first fair-ground man we met where we could find Mr. Faldino.

"The Big Boss"

"The Big Boss, guv'nor? Over there." He jerked his thumb over his shoulder. "The big yeller caravan with the chromium plating and fancy-work: that's the boss's."

It fairly blossomed with what the man called "fancy-work"; there were silver (or so they seemed) scrolls and loops round the silver-framed windows; an elaborate porch with an electric light that lit up a silver letter-box and silver bell-push and silver name-plate with FALDINO in huge letters; and two silver rails to the little flight of steps up to the door. But for the wheels, it might have been a proper house!

The door opened and a thickset man with a heavy black moustache and enormous black eyebrows confronted us.

"Mr. Faldino?" Clive inquired.

"That's me," said the thickset man. "What can I do for you, Mr—?"

"Clive Hendry, and my two young friends, Nessa and Lance."

Inside a caravan

"Step inside," he said, and for the first time in our lives we found ourselves inside a caravan. And what a caravan! It seemed even bigger inside than out. Doors opened off to left and right, and we would not have been really surprised to see a flight of stairs as well!

There were bright, thick carpets on the floor, the walls were lined with cupboards and shelves, a pair of budgerigars chattered gaily in a cage over our heads, an aquarium of brilliantly coloured fish, lit up from beneath by a soft light, stood next to an expensive-looking radio—in fact, there was everything you might have expected to find in a well-stocked home, and perhaps even more than that! We were so fascinated, looking about us, that we missed quite a lot of the conversation between Mr. Faldino and Clive.

"I understand one of your fair-

ground men has quit," Clive was saying.

A scowl darkened the already very dark face of Mr. Faldino, Big Boss of Faldino's Famous Fair. He nodded, and so vigorously that the whole caravan seemed to shake. "You wouldn't be able to tell me where I could lay hands on him, Mr. Hendry, would you?"

Clive looked at him keenly. "If you could tell us something of him, Mr. Faldino, perhaps we might be able to do so. But please understand, I have no wish to intrude into your affairs, if you prefer not to tell me."

A bad lot

"I am a kind-hearted man, Mr. Hendry," Mr. Faldino said, "and I let that man join my outfit without any questions asked, though it came to my knowledge about that time that he was wanted by the police. It was none of my business, you understand. However, I don't mind telling you now what I know. He is a bad lot, Mr. Hendry, a thoroughly bad lot. His real name is Sanderson and he has served several terms of hard labour and deserves another long term."

"I appreciate your attitude, Mr. Faldino," Clive said. "It does you credit. I know, of course, that there is a strong bond of loyalty among fair men, and that you should feel as you do is evidence that the man is a really bad lot."

"And you think you can help me to lay my hands on him, Mr. Hendry?"

"I think my young friends here can tell you where he is at this moment," said Clive, turning to us.

Sanderson's outfit

Mr. Faldino bent his dark eyes on us and stared at us as though trying to worm information out of us with two high-powered corkscrews. "Can they, indeed?" he said. "Well, they look a sharp enough pair, and that's a fact. But there's many a caravan on the road. Are they sure this is the right one?"

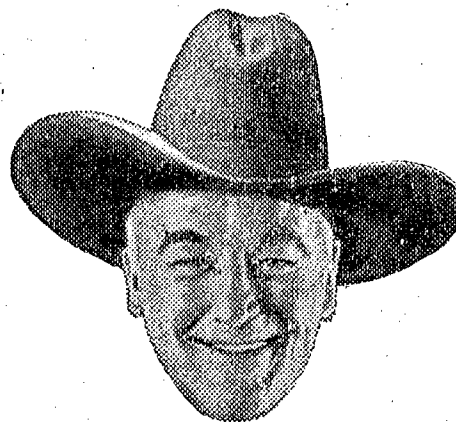
How glad we were we had had that long look at it through the gap in the quarry wall. "A lot of dark red and green paintwork, not very new," I began. "Two broken window-panes and a very crooked stove-pipe chimney. Yellow shafts and yellow-spoked wheels."

"And a very skinny horse with a dark, shaggy coat and a long tail," Nessa went on. "White socks on his off fore-leg and near hind-leg. And a sore place where the harness has been rubbing."

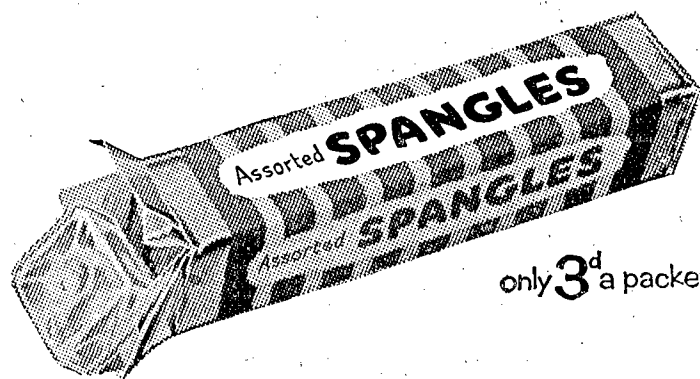
"That's Sanderson's outfit all right!" Mr. Faldino was beaming and rubbing his hands together.

"All right, then, Mr. Faldino," Clive said, getting up. "That is your man, and he is nicely tucked away in a quarry up on the moor. I can't give you all the facts at the moment, but I can say this; that there are some other people who

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A very strong Russian team is expected to feature prominently, and most of the competitors who so successfully represented Great Britain at the recent Empire and Commonwealth Games will be striving to add to their laurels.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT

There has been an astonishing improvement in the past four years in running and field events, and it is a virtual certainty that a large number of the European men's and women's records will be broken—just as they were at Brussels in 1950.

While the athletics championships are taking place at Berne, the European rowing events will be held at Amsterdam, and next Tuesday the swimmers take the stage at Turin.

When the last European swimming championships were held, at Vienna in 1950, Hungary, Russia, and Britain did not compete. All three have entered strong teams in this year's events, and once again we can expect many of the existing records to be broken.

SPORTS SHORTS

WITH the cricket season drawing to an end—and it has been one of the worst ever known as far as the weather is concerned—the leading County and Test players will be setting out next week on the first of the Festival matches at Scarborough and Hastings. Yorkshire meet an M.C.C. XI at Scarborough, and at Hastings an England XI will face a strong Commonwealth team.

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD Jennifer Long is already following in her famous sister's footsteps. Recently she became Ilford primary schools swimming champion. Ann Long, who this month won the Empire Games springboard diving title, is a favourite for honours in the European Championships at Berne.



Eleven-year-old Robin Gammon holed out in one the other day while playing on the course at Petersfield, in Hampshire.

P. R. H. ANDERSON, of Marlborough, certainly made his presence felt when playing for the Public Schools XI against the Combined Services, at Lord's. Twice in one over he hit balls over the Father Time stand into the gardens of adjoining houses. Neither ball was recovered.

For the second year running, Louis Bobet of France has won the gruelling Tour de France. The distance of this tremendous cycle race is 3100 miles, covered in 23 stages.

BRIAN PHILLIPS, the English squash rackets international, is also a fine club cricketer. In a recent match at Lindfield, Sussex, he hit 34 runs in one over—five sixes and a four. The record in a six-ball over in first-class cricket is 32, scored by C. Smart (Glamorgan) in 1935, at Cardiff.

AVRIL SMITH, member of Spartan Ladies A.C., has become the first British 15-year-old to exceed 17 feet in the long jump. In the Women's A.A.A. intermediate and junior championships recently Avril established a record of 17 feet 6 inches—beating the previous best by 1 foot 4½ inches.

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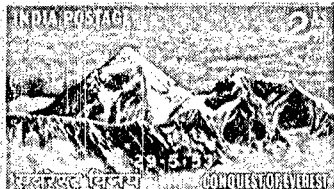
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In each of the six groups of objects in the illustration below there is **one** object which is **different**—for one reason or another—from the others in the group. The difference may not be so marked as that between chalk and cheese—but can you spot the six "Odd Men Out"?

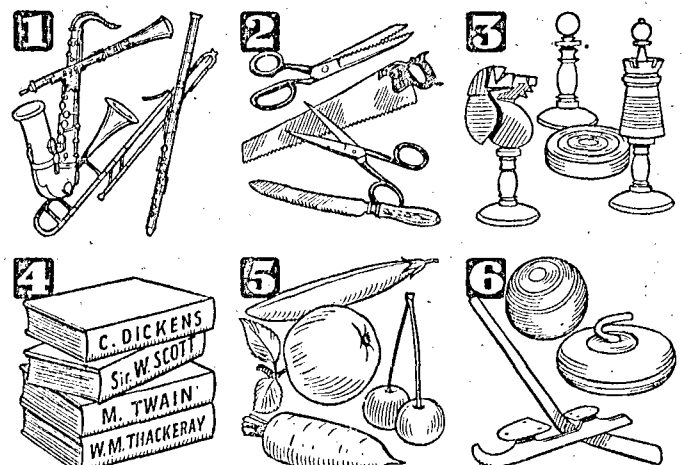
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NEW STAR APPEARS IN THE SKY

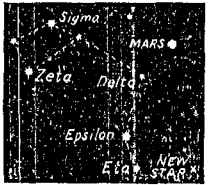
By the CN Astronomer

A new star or nova, as astronomers call it, has blazed up in the constellation of Sagittarius, which is at present due south between nine and ten o'clock in the evening. The constellation's brightest stars are indicated in the accompanying star-map, but as it does not attain any high altitude above the horizon the stars are not readily perceived. The planet Mars, however, appears in this constellation just now and will be a guide to it.

The position of this new star is indicated by a X on the star-map, because, although of colossal dimensions, its great distance renders it invisible to the naked eye. A small telescope of only two-inch aperture would show it, however, because at present it is of about seventh magnitude.

Millions of much fainter stars exist in that vast region of our Universe or Galaxy in which the new star appeared. This region lies far beyond that of the relatively near stars of Sagittarius, the mythological archer from which the constellation takes its name.

This region, many thousands of light years away, is a portion of the vast Galactic Ring which encircles our heavens and is popularly known as the Milky Way. It so happens that the Sagittarius portion of the Galactic Ring contains the nearest part to us.



Chief stars of Sagittarius, showing by a X the position of the new star

It is therefore one of the grandest regions of the whole Milky Way when observed under good conditions. To fully realise its grandeur, though, it needs to be observed from a much lower latitude than Britain—the south of Europe, for example.

In such favourable areas the myriads of stars fill large portions of the heavens with their filmy light which, powerful telescopes reveal, comes from countless millions of sparkling suns massed and glittering in what astronomers call "Star-clouds."

Numerous photographs have been obtained recording the individual stars in what appears to be a massed host. It is in such a field of sparkling suns of 19th to 21st magnitudes in most cases that that latest great stellar outburst has occurred.

Owing to the immense distance of the sun or suns involved it has taken probably many thousands of years for the evidence of what happened to reach our world.

These so-called new stars are known to possess several general features which prove them to be stars that have blazed up with terrific energy in only a few days. In the course of a few months or maybe a year or two the conflagration gradually dies down, but never to the condition in which it must have been before.

G. F. M.

THE AMBASSADOR WELL REMEMBERS

A few months ago an answer in Parliament gave details of some schools that had provided men for high posts in our Diplomatic Service. One of the schools mentioned was Blenheim Council School, Leeds.

Mr. Norman Dean, present headmaster of the school, ascertained that the school's distinguished old boy was Mr. G. C. Pelham, C.M.G., her Majesty's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Mr. Dean wrote to His Excellency.

Mr. Pelham replied that he certainly remembered his time at Blenheim School "some time between 1907 and 1910," and recalled his struggles with "the three Rs." He rejoiced in the school's modern sports facilities. "In my time," he wrote, "there was available only a piece of concrete on which we played hopscotch."

Now the Blenheim boys are looking forward to a visit from the ambassador later this year, and meanwhile a shield presented to a House for good class-work is to be named The Pelham Shield.

THE OLD MINSTER NEEDS REPAIR

Tourists from many parts of the world who visit ancient Wimborne Minster, Dorset, to inspect its famous library of 240 chained books, have been contributing towards the cost of repair work now taking place there.

The roof of the minster's St. George's Chapel was found to have been damaged by dry rot and death-watch beetles, and it is hoped that the repair work will be completed by the end of the year.

As long ago as 1600 the spire above the central tower collapsed during a service, though, luckily, nobody was hurt.

FIRE SERVICE FACTS

Our fire brigades attended about 77,000 fires last year, excluding chimney fires, and helped to rescue 183 people.

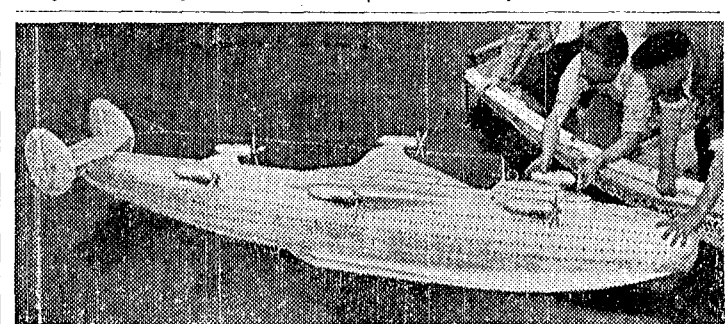
At the end of the year there were 18,882 whole-time men, and 490 whole-time women in the service. This was 36 fewer men and five fewer women than in the year before.

Three men in the service were killed in operations during the year and 1150 injured.

EAST ANGLIA'S DUTCH NEIGHBOUR

An exhibition at Norwich illustrates the striking likeness of geography, life, and art in East Anglia and Holland. Specimens of wild life common to both countries are on view, and photographs show how their agriculture, architecture, and land drainage systems resemble one another.

During the centuries ships have plied steadily between East Anglian and Dutch ports, carrying passengers who took home ideas picked up in the other land. The display of pictures, hung side by side, brings out the influence the great Dutch school of painters has had on East Anglian artists. The exhibition, in the Castle Museum, is open until September 19.

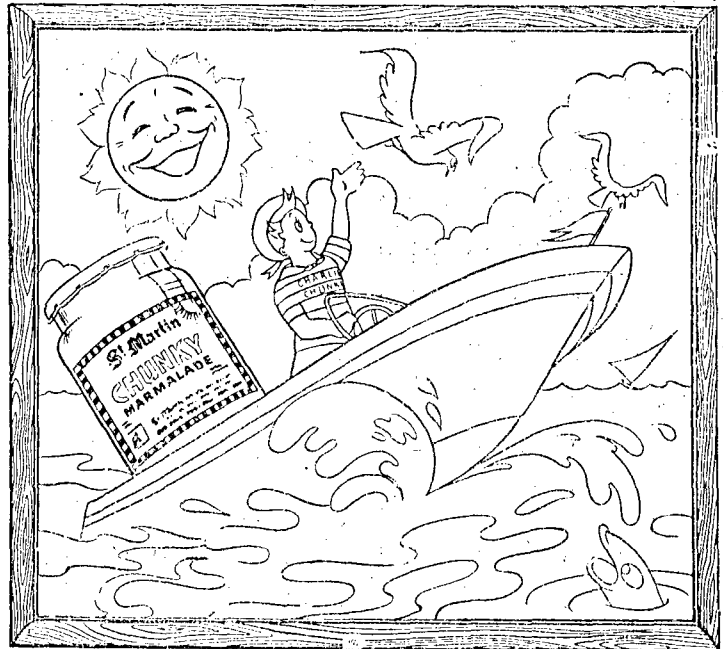


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are very anxious to call on him. With the information you have kindly given us I think there will be no difficulty over entering his caravan. That has been one of our problems, until just now. The caravan will be under observation—in fact, it is already under observation."

For a moment or two Mr. Faldino looked undecided. Then he held out his hand. "All right, Mr.—? Mr. Hendry. So long as you can promise me that we shall get topsides of the boulder, I am satisfied."

"You can't have to worry, Mr. Faldino. I have a notion that Saturday will be 'D-day': can we rely on you to join us that evening for a trip up to the moor?"

"You can that, Mr. Hendry. Give me the word, and I'll be with you, however short the notice." He showed us to the door and down the steps beneath the bright electric light. "Thank you for calling," he said courteously.

So, very reluctantly, as far as Nessa and I were concerned, we left Mr. Faldino's super caravan and its fancy-work, and made for the car.

"Things are moving!" said Clive as he let in the clutch. "Moving fast!"

To be continued

THE BRAN TUB

WHAT AM I?

I AM what marksmen always try to score.
I may strike fear into the matador.
Yet the chances are if you should meet me,
Most probably, you'll quickly eat me!

Answer next week

Animals in a group

A GROUP of horses is described as a stud, and a group of goats as a tribe.

Seaside puzzle

MY first is in sea, but not in land;
My second's in tar, but not in sand;
My third is in dive, but not in float;
My fourth is in raft, and also in boat;
My fifth is in mast, but not in sail;
My sixth is in spade, but not in pail;
My seventh's in rocks, but not in caves,
My whole rides majestically over the waves.

Soundings

Sword test

ANCIENT history has it that before a sword of Damascus was passed as perfect it was placed in a river with its cutting edge upstream. A piece of silk was then floated onto it and unless the silk parted when it touched the blade the sword would be rejected.

BEDTIME CORNER

BILLY IS RIDING HIGH

REMEMBERING his attempt to ride Jean's horse some weeks earlier, Billy was not sure that he was going to enjoy riding a donkey along the beach.

But all the other children seemed to enjoy the rides—"and if they can so can I," thought Billy.

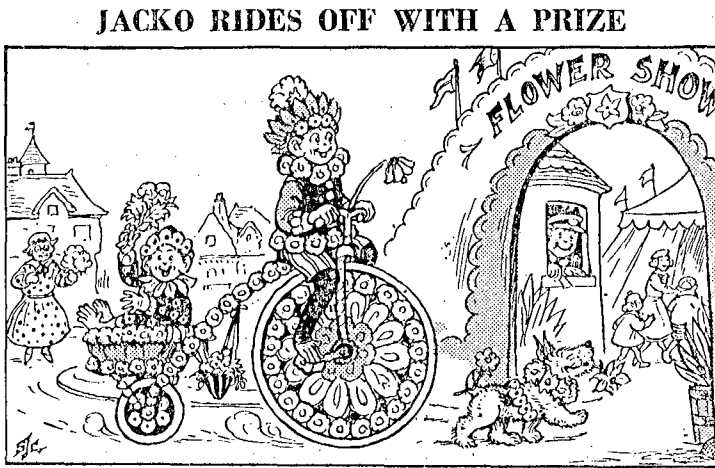
Getting onto the donkey by way of the little platform was easy. And with the donkey man walking alongside and holding the reins, Billy found that riding was not too difficult. After a while he even began to enjoy it.

As they turned to go back the donkey man let go of the reins for a moment to blow his nose—and the donkey chose that moment to give a skip and break into a little trot.

But Billy was ready, and he pulled hard on the reins. He had learned his lesson on Jean's horse.

By the end of his stay at the seaside he was quite expert, and the donkey man was letting him trot along the beach on his own. "You'll make a fine horseman, young fellow."

"Well, I may be able to ride only a donkey," thought Billy, "but at least Jean won't be able to call me an ass!"



In Spring Jacko had started a small flower bed at the bottom of the garden. "I shall jolly well win a prize in the Town Flower Show," he boasted to Father. But Jacko's enthusiasm gradually disappeared and when the day of the flower show came he sadly viewed his forlorn bed of weeds. But Father had plenty of flowers! "I'll win a prize yet," muttered Jacko, and he set to work. A few hours later Jacko "rode off" with the first prize in the Novelty section—on his floral penny-farthing bicycle. Father was most proud—until he returned home and saw his bare garden!

Cricketing crickets

CHIRPED two crickets: "They've sold all the tickets,
For the match between earwigs and crickets.
So we'll climb this tall tree,
And from there we shall see
All the thrills which occur at the wickets."

Soundings

All on a Friday

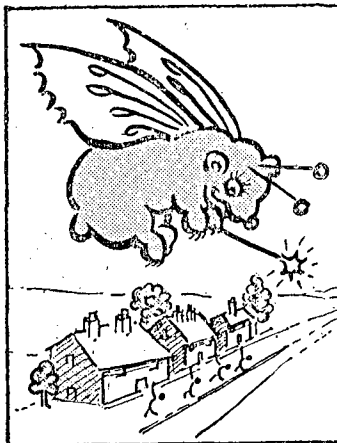
IT is said that Christopher Columbus began his voyage of discovery on a Friday, first sighted America on a Friday, started back on a Friday, and reached Spain on a Friday.

First and last

CAN you find eleven three-letter words beginning with the letter N which can be reversed to make eleven other words?

Answer next week

The bear's wish



I wish I were a fairy,
As light as light as air,
For I'd fly over houses,
And make the people stare.
Then seeing me so dainty,
They'd never more declare,
"Bless me, old So and So's
As clumsy as a Bear!"

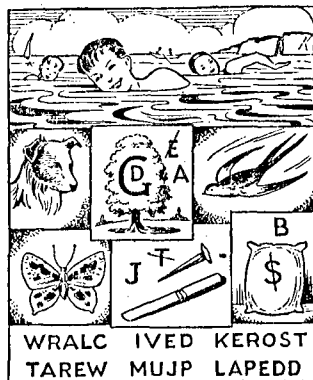
THREE-IN-ONE

BURY Change the appearance of a thing
Capital of the United States of America
Battle between an English army, led by Henry V, and a French army
Sea-bird related to the extinct great auk
Small hibernating animal
City whose cathedral has the tallest spire in England

To find the answers to these clues link three of the letter-groups below. Write the answers in a list and you will find that their first and last letters spell the name of two popular radio comedians.

Agi Di Dor En hing ill isb ise mb mo nco orb Raz Sal sgu to ton urt ury use Was

Answer next week



WRALC IVED KEROST
TAREW MUJP LAPEDD

Dog-paddle; treading water; swallow
dive; butterfly stroke; jack-knife jump

A LITTLE CONFUSED

FATHER, taking little Susan into town, hailed a taxi and got in. "Is that all you have to do?" said Susan. "I thought there was a lot more to do than that."

"Why?" asked Father.

"Well, at school last term our teacher said that even the monarch was not allowed to order taxes without the consent of Parliament."

Hippopotamist

"THE bus is full!" old Jumbo said,
"We'll have to go by train instead."

But Harry Hippo, hopeful chap, said: "I can sit on someone's lap."

Flower legend

FROM the East comes this legend of the geranium. One day the Prophet Mohammed took off his shirt and washed it in a river. Spreading the shirt to dry in the sun, he happened to place it over a mallow-plant which was growing by the water's edge.

While the shirt was drying, a remarkable transformation of the mallow took place. Its contact with the sacred garment caused it to grow quite tall, and a number of beautiful scarlet flowers appeared on its stems—the flowers we now know as geraniums.

In Eastern countries, geraniums reach almost tree-like proportions.

What...

... animal can you behead and have a larger one left?

Fox. Take away the F and ox is left

SPOT THE...

SHRIMPS as they dart rapidly about in a shallow rock-pool. They are of a dull, greyish-brown colour, blending so well with their surroundings that they appear almost invisible. (The bright pink hue which one usually associates with shrimps is only attained after boiling.)

Shrimps have a habit of burying themselves in the sand, leaving only their feelers exposed. Like most long-tailed crustaceans, the female shrimp carries her eggs on the underside of her body until they hatch. The young which eventually appear provide food for many fishes.

An adult shrimp usually measures about three inches. What seem to be large specimens are probably prawns, with which shrimps are sometimes confused.

Which poet am I?

A FUEL and my first part have the same sound,
My second part means a line of high ground.
I wrote of a sailor under a curse.
And described an Eastern palace in verse.

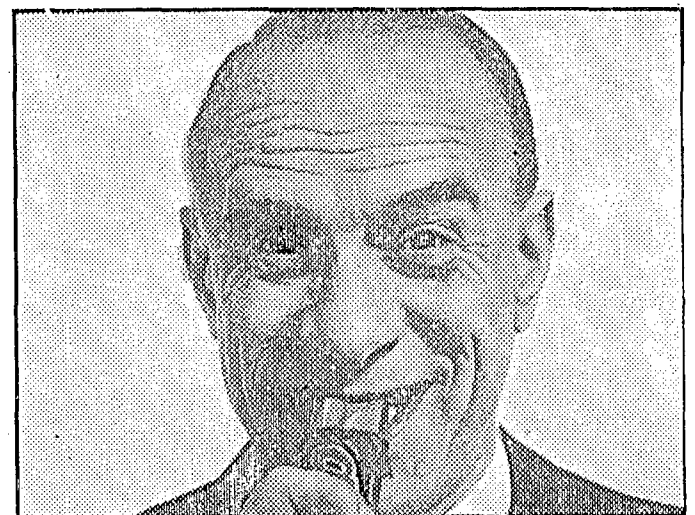
Coleridge

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Three-in-one

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Q undrill E
U ndergroun D
I echer G
R obespier E
R escane H
E skim O
L eipzi G

SCRAPE	RA
L	FELLED
O	ITALIC
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